

Parent Engagement: Strategies For Removing Barriers

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Benefits of Quality Parent Engagement

- *Students achieve more*, regardless of socio-economic status
- Students have *higher grades and test scores*,
- Students have *higher graduation rates* and post secondary enrollment
- Educators hold *higher expectations* of students
- Student achievement for low income children improves to levels of middle-class children



Benefits of Parent Engagement

- Children who are farthest behind make the greatest gains
- Children from diverse cultural backgrounds perform better academically
- Alcohol use, violence, and antisocial behavior decrease
- Junior and senior high school students make better transitions, maintain the quality of their work, and develop realistic plans for their future



Committee Representation

Michigan Department of Education:
Office of Field Services
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Services

Stakeholders:

Parents

Teachers

Intermediate School District Personnel
Colleges of Education



Purpose of the Toolkit

- Provide parents with practical tools informing them of effective strategies for working with educators to improve student achievement
- Provide educators with research based strategies and resources for overcoming barriers to parent engagement in schools



Toolkit is at the following MDE website

www.michigan.gov/mde



Parent Engagement Toolkit Discussion

